

# LexisNexis Academic

The screenshot displays the LexisNexis Academic homepage. At the top, the 'Easy Search' section is highlighted, with a 'Home' link in the top right corner. A sidebar on the left contains a 'General Searching' menu with links to 'Easy Search™', 'Advanced Search', and a tip about specialized search forms. Below this is a vertical list of categories: News, US Legal, International Legal, Companies, Country Information, Subject Areas, Sources, Guides & Resources, and Mobile. The main content area is divided into six search modules: 'Search the News' (covering 1980 to today), 'Look up a Legal Case' (covering US and state cases), 'Get Company Info' (covering over 80 million companies), 'Hot Topics Links' (recent news articles), 'Research People' (public figures), and 'Combined Search' (multiple kinds of content). Each module includes specific search criteria and a 'Go' button. The 'Search the News' module has a 'Search For' field, a 'By Source Type' dropdown (set to 'Major World Publications'), and a 'By Source Title' field. The 'Look up a Legal Case' module has fields for 'By Citation' (e.g., 347 U.S. 483), 'Or by Parties' (e.g., Mapp v. Ohio), and 'Or by Topic' (e.g., Equal Opportunity). The 'Get Company Info' module has fields for 'By Name' (e.g., Microsoft) and 'Or by Ticker' (e.g., MSFT). The 'Hot Topics Links' module lists recent news articles like 'Health Care', 'U.S. Presidential Election 2012', 'Syrian Uprising', 'Education', and 'Immigration'. The 'Research People' module has fields for 'Last Name (Required)', 'First Name (Optional)', and 'Source' (set to 'Biographical Reference'). The 'Combined Search' module has a 'Search For' field, a 'Date' dropdown (set to 'Previous 2 years'), and checkboxes for 'Major US & World news' and 'Company profiles'.

**Database Description:** LexisNexis® Academic provides searchable access to a comprehensive spectrum of full-text information from over 6,000 sources, selected to meet academic research needs, including: **national and regional newspapers, wire services, broadcast transcripts, international news**, and non-English language sources; U.S. Federal and state case law, codes, regulations, legal news, law reviews, and international legal information; *Shepard's*® Citations for all U.S. Supreme Court cases back to 1789; Business news journals, company financial information, SEC filings and reports, and industry and market news.

**Off-Campus Access via:** UA Proxy Server and OhioLINK Remote Authentication

**Wildcard / Truncation:** LexisNexis Academic uses the exclamation point (!) for truncation, or to replace an unlimited number of letters following a word root. Use an asterisk (\*) for wildcard searching, or to replace a letter or letters in a word. You can use more than one asterisk in a word, but it cannot be the first letter.

**Plurals and Singulars:** The LexisNexis® services automatically search singular, regular plural, and plural possessive endings for search words. For example, a search on the term **company** finds: company, companies, company's, and companies'. But, if you use a noun with an irregular plural ending, you do not automatically get the plural and plural possessive. Use the **OR** Boolean operator to search for both singular and plural forms of a word. For example: child or children ; knife or knives ; ox or oxen.

**Boolean Operators:** LexisNexis® uses: AND, OR, AND NOT

**AND:** Finds records that contain both words, although not necessarily in the same sentence or in the given order. AND ties the two concepts together and provides a more narrow search than just a single word alone.

**OR:** Finds records that contain either word or both words. Use OR for synonymous or related terms; this broadens the search.

**AND NOT:** Finds records that contain the first word and that do not contain the second word.

**Proximity Operators:** You can use proximity operators to search for two or more words that occur within a specified proximity (either numbers of words or within the same sentence, paragraph, etc.)

**W/n:** Links search words and phrases within a certain number of words. The letter **n** stands for a number from 1 to 255 and does not specify a word order. Example: **doctor w/5 malpractice** -- finds doctor within five or fewer words of malpractice, regardless of which word appears first.

**PRE/n:** Requires both words to appear in the document with the first word preceding the second word by **n** words. Use this connector when a different word order would change the meaning. Example: **southwest pre/2 air or airline** -- finds Southwest Air or Southwest Airlines.

**W/sent:** Looks for documents with search words in the same sentence. Example: **doctor w/sent malpractice** -- finds doctor in the same sentence as malpractice.

**W/para:** Looks for documents with search words in the same paragraph. Example: **doctor w/para malpractice** -- finds doctor in the same paragraph as malpractice.

**Field Searching:** The default (recommended) fields searched include the headline, lead paragraph, and terms. You can change the default and search the headline only, full text, captions, or author fields.

**Locating Full Text:** All articles are available as full text.

#### **Search Categories:**

Major US and World Publications  
Major World Publications (non-English)  
News Wire Services  
TV and Radio Broadcast Transcripts  
Blogs  
Web Publications  
Company  
SEC Filings  
Legal



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